



## **Community Interfaith Liaison Office**

*Department of Systems Management for Human Services*

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### **Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) Bi-Weekly Update:**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

*An update from the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL), serving Fairfax County faith communities and faith and community based organizations by sharing information, resources, training, linkages, partnership and collaboration opportunities, and coordinating human service-oriented meetings, workshops, and events for the Fairfax County faith community. The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is part of the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 220, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. For information, please telephone (703) 324-3453 or e-mail [hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov).*

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### **New! Research Papers and Transcripts Now Available:**

***"Spring Research Forum -- "The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in the Social Welfare System"***

A wide range of new research related to faith-based social service is now available on the Roundtable's web site. This includes 40 papers presented during the 2003 Spring Research Forum, which was presented jointly by the Roundtable and Independent Sector on March 6-7 in Washington, DC. In addition, the site will be posting complete transcripts of the plenary sessions, and selected break-out panels.

The [research papers](#) have been placed in the following categories (click on category for link):

- [Assessing the Effectiveness of FBOs as Service Providers](#)
- [Congregations as Social Service Providers](#)
- [Charitable Choice and the Role of FBOs](#)
- [FBOs in Service Collaboratives](#)
- [Impacts on FBOs](#)
- [FBOs and Social Capital](#)
- [Tools for Evaluating FBOs as Service Providers](#)
- [Effects on Giving](#)

**Conference Wrap-Up**

Roundtable Washington Correspondent Anne Farris provides a complete wrap-up on the Spring Research Forum. [Click here](#) to read her story.

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## **Upcoming Events/Workshops/Conferences:**

### ▪ **March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**

SPRINGboard presents:

***SPRINGboard 2003 Workshop***  
***"Essentials of Planned Giving:***  
***A Practical Approach for Large and Small Nonprofit Organizations"***  
***Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003***  
***8:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.***  
***Virginia Theological Seminary***  
***Addison Academic Center***  
***3737 Seminary Road***  
***Alexandria, Virginia***

Learn more about planned giving and assist in creating a framework for a practical approach. For more information, please call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts at (703) 838-6348, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau at (703) 836-2176, or Alexandria United Way at (703) 549-4447.

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### ▪ **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

***Sunday Evening***  
***"Northern Virginia Summit on Tax Reform"***  
***March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003***  
***7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.***  
***The Reinsch Auditorium***  
***(in the Library)***  
***Marymount University***  
***2807 North Glebe Road***  
***Arlington, Virginia***

For more information, please contact the Virginia Organizing Project, [www.virginia-organizing.org](http://www.virginia-organizing.org), c/o Frank Blechman, by calling (703)239-2616 or by e-mail, [fblechman@aol.com](mailto:fblechman@aol.com).

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### ▪ **March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

***Evening Workshop***  
***"Exploring Spiritual Solutions to Fear and Terror"***

**Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
8:00p.m. – 9:30p.m.  
**Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus**  
Ernst Cultural Community Center  
**Free Parking Available in Lot E**

**Speaker: Earline Shoemake of La Mesa, CA**  
Workshop Fee - \$15  
Fee includes a copy of the book  
**“Science and Health with a Key to the Scriptures”**  
by Mary Baker Eddy

For more information call Susan Anderson at (703) 830-1340 or the Christian Science Reading Room at (703) 323-0022.

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▪ **Every Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia presents...

**Parenting Classes**  
**“The ABC’s of Parenting”**  
**Every Tuesday, from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.  
**Fairlington United Methodist Church**  
3900 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302  
Light Meal Provided

As life gets busier, take time out for yourself as a parent! Come to the next Parenting Class and be with other parents who are just like you!

Topics include: **“Managing your Child’s Behavior, Helping your Child Succeed in School, and Understanding Child Development.”**

Childcare is available. Transportation is available for Alexandria residents. Door Prizes!

Pre-registration is required. Call SCAN at (703) 836-1820 or e-mail [pmartinez@scanva.org](mailto:pmartinez@scanva.org).

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- **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and Other Dates**

Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

***Free Hands-On Training – Multiple Sessions Available***  
***“Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide”***  
***April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003; May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003; June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003***  
*Each session: 10a.m. – 12p.m.*  
*6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 301*  
*Falls Church, Virginia 22044*

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew – (703)533-5787 or Keisha Dotson - (703)533-5786 or e-mail [wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim](mailto:wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim).

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- **April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Do you know of any low-income homeowners in need of home repairs in your congregations or communities? If so, they may be eligible for RPJ Housing’s April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> home repair program. For more information on how low-income homeowners can receive repair assistance, please contact Michelle Palmer at (703) 528-5606, ext. 10 or e-mail [mpalmer@rpjhousing.org](mailto:mpalmer@rpjhousing.org).

***RPJ Housing’s***  
***“Rebuilding Together with Christmas & Sukkot in April”***  
***April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003***  
*All Day*  
*(703) 528-5606, ext. 10*

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- **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Town meeting...

***Community Dialogue***  
***“Current Event Effects on the Fairfax County Ethnic Community”***  
***May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003***  
*6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.*  
***Hilton Hotel***  
*Alexandria Mark Center*  
*5000 Seminary Road*  
*Alexandria, Virginia 22311*

The Town Meeting is sponsored by the Fairfax County Community Resilience Project, a Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board project funded through FEMA.

The Community Resilience Project of Fairfax County, Virginia is a coordinated outreach and crisis-counseling program for individuals, families, and groups most affected by the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack on the Pentagon, which was declared a disaster, and its aftermath. For more information, please call the Community Resilience Project at (703) 533-5388 or David Perera at (703) 203-7562 or e-mail [Pam.Sidel@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Pam.Sidel@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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▪ **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Save the date!

**Community Action Advisory Board**  
**Health Care Town Meeting**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
7:00p.m. – 9:30p.m.  
**Fairfax County Government Center**  
Board Room  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Using a national town meeting model, moderator Juan Williams will introduce a range of health care topics, such as the cost of prescription drugs, or the lack of access to affordable health insurance. Both “experts” and participants will be invited to comment and share their experiences. The evening will end with a brief brainstorming exercise about what could be done to address the issues discussed.

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## **News and Announcements:**

### **Volunteers Needed for Youth Reading Program!**

Wright to Read program, in Alexandria, is seeking volunteers to work with young children to improve their reading skills. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ginny Biggs, WTR Volunteer Coordinator at (703) 549-0111, ext. 339 or [gbiggs@campagnacenter.org](mailto:gbiggs@campagnacenter.org). Please help spread the word and thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

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### **Volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed!**

The Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Meals on Wheels program is seeking volunteer drivers from the faith community. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Margaret Anderson at (703) 324-5846 or [mande4@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mande4@fairfaxcounty.gov). Please help spread the word and thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

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## Resource and Grant Opportunities:

### **Computers for Disadvantaged Community Residents**

New Toshiba computers are available for free to individuals who are below poverty level and to nonprofit organizations who serve individuals below poverty level. The deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. Approximately \$1.5 million dollars is to be directed to residents of Virginia this year.

For more information, please visit the Beaumont Foundation web-site at <http://www.bmtfoundation.com>.

### **FREE Personal Financial Skills Learning Tool**

Lack of information about personal finance and credit is a serious issue for many people. The Fannie Mae Foundation collaborated with a specialist in financial education to write a curriculum: ***"Growing Your Money: Personal Financial Tools."***

The curriculum provides up to 12 hours of training and includes the following sessions: ***"Developing a Spending Plan, Working with Checking and Savings Accounts, Understanding Credit and Your Credit Reports, and Getting a Loan."*** By understanding and using these skills, people can make informed decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities.

To order a FREE training toolkit and up to 20 additional Participant's Workbooks, call 1-800-943-5775. For more information, visit: [www.fanniemaefoundation.org/programs/finance\\_tools.shtml](http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/programs/finance_tools.shtml) or send an e-mail inquiry to [growingyourmoney@fanniemaefoundation.org](mailto:growingyourmoney@fanniemaefoundation.org).

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## Community Fundraisers:

### ▪ **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc., Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter presents a:

***Comedy Fundraiser***  
***at the IMPROV***  
***Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003***  
***3:00p.m.***  
***IMPROV***  
***Washington's Premiere Comedy Club/Restaurant***  
***1140 Connecticut Avenue***  
***Washington, DC***

For more information, please call (703) 820-7621, x. 218.

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▪ **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Fundraiser to benefit FACETS...

**FACETS Fundraiser**  
**15% of ALL Food Sales will be Donated to FACETS**  
**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
11:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.  
**Fairfax's Red Hot & Blues Restaurant**  
4150 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, Virginia  
(703) 218-6989

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▪ **April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Fundraiser to benefit Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia, Inc...

**Fundraiser at**  
**The Austin Grill**  
**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.  
**Austin Grill Springfield**  
Old Keene Mill Shopping Center  
8430-A Old Keene Mill Road  
West Springfield, VA 22152  
(703) 644-3111

Write HCSNV on the back of your check and 50% will be donated to Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia, Inc. For more information, please call (703) 913-0880.

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▪ **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Fundraiser to benefit the Volunteers of America, Chesapeake, Inc., Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter...

**Community Fundraiser**  
**5% Day at Whole Foods Market**  
**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
All Day  
**Whole Foods Market**  
7511 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, Virginia  
(703) 914-0040

Five percent of the day's sales will be donated to Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter.

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▪ **April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

**Food For Others**  
***"Empty Bowls" Dinner Benefit***  
**Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.  
**Washington-Lee High School Cafeteria**  
1300 N. Quincy Street  
Arlington, Virginia

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▪ **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

Dance and Silent Auction to benefit WINGS House...providing housing for adults with mental disabilities...

**WINGS HOUSE, INC.**  
**Dance and Silent Auction**  
**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**  
7:30p.m. – 12:00a.m.  
**The Reston Community Center**  
2310 Colts Neck Road  
Hunter Woods Village Center  
(703) 476-4500  
**\$25.00 per person**  
(\$30 at the door)

Please make checks payable to:

**WINGS HOUSE, INC.**  
**4019 Dogberry Lane**  
**Fairfax, VA 22033**  
**(703) 968-6523**

For more information, please call Dotti at (703) 760-1663 or e-mail [dmckee@venable.com](mailto:dmckee@venable.com).

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**Contact Us:**

For more information, please visit our web-site at:

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm)**

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### **Accommodations:**

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453 or TTY (703) 803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.